

TRUE AND FALSE KARMA

Dear Aspirant:

In the Eastern philosophy the sixth Word has become perverted into a doctrine of a rigid and inflexible karma, and it is said that whatever has been put forth in realms of causation must irrevocably run its course and that man's only hope is in some will-engineered self-annihilation. This is a burlesque of the idea that no cycles or social complexes shall be destroyed by one of the participants whether the author or another until all concerned may co-operate in the ending or completion that will yield richness and some experience of totality to all. The purpose of experience in a cause-and-effect realm is for an absolute linking of parts and wholes or revealing the essence of an eternal fellowship in clearly defined lines of time and space. Hence it is possible to grow into moral and ethical appreciation through the everyday world of things and symbols whereas in a pure abstraction the individual is apt to lose himself by failing to see himself when he is mirrored or revealed in others. As he ends a cycle by an act of will in an objective milieu he observes the consequence or grows in capacity to do so. In the tangible world all consequences are personal and the lesson usually is learned without essential injury to others.

In higher realms the individual is vulnerable because he only exists in his co-operation or fellowship with others, and for the indiscreet soul to refuse to participate in events by placing anything before a social necessity would be to do irreparable harm to others in the reality of a higher existence. Hence each lesson must be learned by every seeker long before his chance may come for a real place in an immortal fellowship. The aspirant must see circumstances his servant and the living momentum in each cycle his own particular signature.

Yours in the fellowship of the spirit,

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THE AFFIRMATIONS FOR LAST WEEK AND THIS

Health: I rely on the healing power of God within me.

Prosperity: I enter every experience with the whole of myself.

Happiness: My heart has found the shrine at every wayside.

THOU SHALT HAVE NO ALIEN FELLOWSHIP

Dear Aspirant:

The seventh of the Ten Words as indicated above suggests important emphases of faithfulness in terms of an immediate reality in all exercise of selfhood. Adultery primarily is a matter of entering experience with but a part of self whereas faithfulness in the meaning of marital integrity is merely a refusal to transfer emotional centers from an experienced contact with the real. The average individual is unable to see marriage as a creative partnership, and is more inclined to conceive it a matter of his good fortune in finding the proper mate than in realizing that the nature of his partnership is his own actual creation. There are as impossible alliances in a superficial view as there are unbridgeable racial, social and temperamental differences in human kind, but where there has been even the slightest foundation for beginning there is unquestioned potential reality of a complementation and a perfection of happiness. In adultery the soul primarily is untrue to itself because it then gives expression to what at root is the worst sort of inferiority complex. It seeks the solution of its need or soul hunger in beginning rather than in completions, and in literal fact its transient satisfaction in an illicit indulgence is through an escape from self-revelation in true perspective. Shallow romance for the moment has negated actual acquaintanceship and responsibility.

The aspirant seldom is tempted by any species of surface sex irregularities, although leaders of small caliber often will yield to such as an expression of power over the lives of those they seek to touch, but the far more soul-destroying form of psychological adultery or unfaithfulness to the immortal fellowship as a whole is the problem in all occult work. Philandering idealism is ever truth's betrayer.

Yours in the fellowship of the spirit,

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THE AFFIRMATIONS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT

Health: I am the temple of the illimitable now.

Prosperity: I build new sense of values every day.

Happiness: My joys are fresh-created from on high.

PHILANDERING IDEALISM

Dear Aspirant:

An ideal is never that which expresses it but always the impetus that reproduces the expression again and again in the greatest variety of forms and shifting relationships. When there is a genuine marriage whether of flesh or of the soul to immortal pattern there invariably follows a consummate ever-fresh variety of experiences in all sorts of life potentials, and literal adultery is not only distasteful or repugnant in terms of basic sense stimulations but is uninteresting or devoid of all promise in realms of the ideal. The impulse to seek new ideals is a confession of inadequacy in present ideal possessions, and thus a revelation of frustrated ideal creativeness. Philandering in this matter of ideals is the emphasis of the receiving as against a giving of reality in the higher associations of life. The seeker may be most earnest in his quest for self-development but yet here he asks to have something given to him, and thus is ever receptive to the next and newest ideal promise about him. The faithfulness of real love or genuine romance is no disciplining of the impulses or controlling of a naturally unruly animal nature but rather is a real natural intentness in that experience of an ideal centered in the very core of self-being and so the basis of a perfection of rapport with the like-minded soul.

The completeness of emotional partnership is thus not to be predicated on the happy accident of association with the individual most eternally fitted for the intimacy of fellowship but rather on the joyous experience of association together in the mutual creation of an ideal inner linkage. The proper companion in life is not such thanks to a sort of cosmic uniqueness in that respect but thanks to an actual experience in becoming such. Truth has its root in true experience.

Yours in the fellowship of the spirit,

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Health: I am the temple of the illimitable now.

Prosperity: I build new sense of values every day.

Happiness: My joys are fresh-created from on high.

ROOTS IN TRUE EXPERIENCE

Dear Aspirant:

Obviously there are those who are better fitted to be in a relation of life companionship than others, but even when going back to genetics the basic controlling factor is mutuality in potentials of experience. The merit points in the character that create attraction in another are the unwitting faceting of that other's ideal struggling towards true or eternal self-expression. Adultery is dangerous since it divides or dissipates the outreach of the soul and since it has the tendency to bring the desire for expression down to the lowest planes. Psychological adultery destroys the real creativeness in the inner experience of the ideals or confuses any sense of stability in the ideal and so serves unwittingly to make the spiritual a product of the lower and objective reality. Alien fellowship superficially is stimulating to the self and contributes especially to the sense of self-importance but it defeats itself in the inner uncertainty it cultivates.

Roots in true experience are developed in the sharing of constants with nature herself, or with one particular individual in an immediate constancy of the ideal. This does not require marriage for every aspirant but demands recognition of the symbolical role of marital states in society, and it does not require a fundamental ideal allegiance of the student as much as awareness of the necessity for some ideal personal experience that may serve as the basis of all others in subsequent living. Moral integrity is the innermost constant in self but the particular nature of the morals is a matter of the race experience of the age or social group and never a detail of spiritual reality. The seeker must make his bed and lie in it to be adult and thus ready for spiritual progress that then becomes a creative revelation.

Yours in the fellowship of the spirit,

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THE AFFIRMATIONS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT

Health: My body is the treasure house of higher thoughts.

Prosperity: I bring new life to everything in which I participate.

Happiness: I welcome every phase of life within my soul.